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SUBJECT: CAIRO PRESS STATES ISRAELI SPY GIVEN

LIFE SENTENCE BY EGYPT

1. IN FRONT PAGE REPORT, MARCH 30 AKHBAR AL-YAWM STATES THAT BARUCH MIZRAHI, ISRAELI SPY WHOSE TASK WAS TO COLLECT MILITARY AND POLITICAL SECRETS ABOUT ARAB STATES AND FEDAYEEN ORGANIZATIONS, HAD BEEN ARRESTED AND SENTENCED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT. KAHBAR'S REPORT CONTINUES IN LONG ARTICLE IN INNER PAGES ABOUT MIZRAHI'S ACTIVITIES, AND CONCLUDES WITH "LETTERS" BY MIZRAHI TO DIRECTOR OF ISRAELI INTELLIGENCE AND TO HIS WIFE. TO FORMER, MIZRAHI STATES HE WAS TOLD THAT ISRAELI INTELLIGENCE IS THE BEST IN THE WORLD AND THAT HE WOULD NOT BE DISCOVERED--BUT THAT HE WAS DISCOVERED, IN YEMEN, AND THAT HE NOW RESTS "IN CELL NUMBER SIX IN CAIRO". LETTER TO HIS WIFE MARGARET SIMPLY ASKS HOW SHE AND THEIR CHILDREN ARE, AND THAT THEY NOT FORGET HIM.

2. IN SEPARATE BOX ON SAME INNER PAGE AS REPORT, AKHBAR STATES THAT MIZRAHI'S CASE "WAS AT THE HEAD OF THOSE SUBJECTS WHICH US SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER DISCUSSED DURING HIS VISIT TO EGYPT...

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KISSINGER ASKED THAT HE BE RELEASED, AND SPOKE OF HIM

WITH CONCERN...IN THE GENEVA TALKS, THE ISRAELI SIDE
LEFT ASIDE ALL SUBJECTS WHICH HAD BEEN TABLED (FOR
DISCUSSION) AND ASKED 'THE PRISONERS HAVE BEEN
EXCHANGED, BUT YOU HAVE NOT RELEASED BARUCH ZAKI
MIZRAHI'...THE WORDS WERE DIRECTED TO THE EGYPTIANS...
THE EGYPTIAN REPLY CAME, DECISIVELY: BARUCH ZAKI
MIZRAHI HAS BEEN SENTENCED. A MILITARY COURT HAS PASSED
SENTENCE ON HIM--AND THE SUBJECT OF THE EXCHANGE OF
PRISONERS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH IT."
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